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REPORTS ON LAND HEREAFTER

Wells Are Being Put Down in All Directions From El Paso to Test the Theory That Oil Exists; in a Few Months, Geologists Will Be Proved Wrong or El

Paso Will Be Greatest Oil Center in the West.

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WITHIN the next few months the dice will turn and El Paso will know if it is to become the center of a great oil field or not.

Paso, selected two drilling sites last week in the northeast quarter of section 20, township 22 south, range 1 east, in what has come to be called the Huesco Bolson, in Uteau county.

Never were the prospects brighter for a new field than are those surrounding El Paso. On all sides the geological formations are there; in

Many instances were pronounced. Geologists of experience have grown enthusiastic over some of the fields, even to declaring them the best from a surface indication of any unproved

Geological surveys by the federal government and by the states have shown strong indications of oil in several locations in the vicinity of El

Drills Going Down.
Wells are either in process of sinking or derricks are being erected for drilling in all the fields where oil indications exist. By Christmas many

On the west side of the Tularosa Basin, and in other country, and eastward from Las Cruces, the W. W. Cox Oil company should be awarded in on the W. W. Cox ranch. This is also to be a deep test.

valley east of El Paso; in the El Paso valley, near the city limits; in Hueco Bolson and Tularosa Basin, north of El Paso; in the Columbus field, west of El Paso; in the cap rock country near Tucuman; on the plains near

Dr. H. V. Patten, geologist from Golden, Colo., recently examined that particular section, studying its own probabilities.

A company composed of Magalhães, Socorro and Deming, N. M., cattlemen, and called the Magalhães Oil company, is planning to exploit a possible oil territory westward from Magalhães, in Socorro county, N. M.

Columbus Has Well.
At Columbus, Luna county, N. M., the alley oil company, E. C. Kniffen, general manager and promoter, is the persistent purchaser of oil in the oil game. The well is down about 150

It will probably be a Christmas time before the first wells reach a sufficient depth to establish anything to a certainty, and from that time forward the next few weeks will be important ones for El Paso.

Catches to Fever. The Texas Control company recently took over the O'Brien well which was put down 800 feet for water with a star drill. It is said that the company is awaiting the arrival of a standard rig to continue the well.

The Fleming Inside Oil and Rental company recently selected a drilling site six miles west of Fleming, drilled a water well, built camp downwind and has derricks on the ground. The United States Oil and Gas Corp. is drilling at a point

Drilling for oil has resumed at the Deming-Blairstown complex, according to a report. The United States company's well near Bowle is reported to have resumed drilling about two weeks ago after having been idle for some time.

In McKinley county, N. M., about 25 miles from Gallup, there should be drilling for oil going on, but there has been no definite news from that section for some time.

The Canadian American Oil and Leasing association recently took over the E. G. Staffery well, 575 feet deep, and his oil holdings and leases, aggregating 15,000 acres at Oatman, western Lincoln county, N. M. When

drilling and reached a hard formation at 135 feet. This is the pioneer concern in the vicinity of this city and the drill is progressing. It was in blue lime at last—approximately 150 feet in depth. It is known as El Paso a few days ago Mr. Rafferty stated that this company has agreed to get to work drilling on the well at an early date.

There have been a number of reports of prospective drilling opera-

White well," as it is on K. T. White's property.

Test Many Fields.

During the past 16 months various sections of New Mexico and southwestern New Mexico and southeastern

Utah about to start in Guadalupe county in territory said to be most promising for oil.

Report Gas in Union.

In Union, Quay, Curry and Roosevelt counties there have been frequent

Arizona, and Texas west of the Pecos river have been examined by various geologists and the substance of their reports by a very considerable majority are favorable to the chances of striking oil in a number of these dis-

Among the geologists are Donald McKenzie of El Paso, professor Fayette A. Jones of Albuquerque, N. M.; Dr. Hugh H. Tucker of Dallas; Dursey Reese of Fort Worth and Roswell, N. M.; Dr. H. V. Platten of

Golden, Colo.; S. H. Worrell, dean of the Texas School of Mines, El Paso; professor R. D. Jackson, San Francisco, Calif.; and many others. A number of years ago professor Robert T. Hill, a well known geologist, then

Other contracts to drill have been made in this country, including that of the Great Western at Elida, now drilling.

It is reported that the E. T. Williams Oil company of Denver and Wrenn and Wrenn probably test out a section 15 miles west of Chama, Rio Arriba county, where it has leased 750,000 acres of oil rights on the Tierra Amarilla

plant. It is claimed the machinery has been ordered. It is reported that the Spencer interests have taken over the Mesa Verde company's two wells, one 1144 feet and the other 1242 feet deep, in San Juan county, together

parts of all that immense territory are now available for oil." The Franco-Russian promoter has come in for much favorable geological opinion.

In the Nuevo Leon, about 40 miles west of El Paso, the Franco Pacific Oil

...in the Pecos valley, with at least two efforts in Chaves county to the north, where the Lincoln well near Lake Arthur, and the well at Kenna, is said to be progressing. In Eddy county the Lincoln producers com-

The Eagle Oil company, also of El Paso is working at Davison and has leased work on its well at Lake. This is a recent well south. The latter well was 1100 feet deep when a string

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